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DEAR JOHN:

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PENDING RECEIPT OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT NUMBER, WE  
ARE GOING AHEAD WITH THE STUDY CONTRACT TO THE EXTENT OF  
PREPARING A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE AND SENDING

TO WASHINGTON FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH  
YOUR PEOPLE. EARL'S ULCER HAS BEEN CAUSING HIM TROUBLE  
AND HE WILL LEAN ON LYLE DURING THIS STUDY PERIOD. I,  
THEREFORE, FEEL THAT LYLE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THESE PRE-  
LIMINARY CONVERSATIONS. THEY PLAN TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES ON  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 1960 AND BE IN WASHINGTON ON THE 3RD AND 4TH  
OF MAY.

WE ARE PREPARING A PROPOSAL TO MODIFY GIANT #2 TO PROVIDE  
FOR SIX-DIGIT TAPE INPUT TO THE RECOMP 2. WE HAVE RECEIVED  
THE INFORMATION WE NEED FROM PER YOUR INSTRU-  
CTIONS, THE COST ESTIMATE WILL BE SENT TO PAT WITH A COPY  
TO YOU.

TELEPHONED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

THAT THEY WERE UNHAPPY IS THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE WEEK.

STATED THAT DURING MY BRIEFING AT YOUR PLACE HE  
MADE THE POINT CLEAR THAT THE ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE FUNDS  
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITH THE ONLY QUESTION BEING THE AD-  
MINISTRATIVE MATTER OF LOCATING THEM AND AMENDING THE CON-  
TRACT. I HAD TO TAKE EXCEPTION TO THIS STATEMENT BECAUSE  
AT NO TIME DURING THIS PROGRAM DID I RECEIVE ANY ENCOURAGE-  
MENT FROM THE AIR FORCE, OTHER THAN YOUR OWN ESTIMATE THAT  
THE JOB WOULD BE CONTINUED. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THEY IN-  
DICATED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED NO WORD FROM YOU THAT WE HAD  
STOPPED WORK ON UNITS 2 AND 3 IN DECEMBER, WITH ALL WORK ON  
THE JOB STOPPING WITH THE SHIPMENT OF YOUR UNIT. HOWEVER,  
DURING THE CONVERSATION THEY DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAD  
ADVISED THEM THAT THE COST OF DISCONTINUITY WOULD BE ON THE

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ORDER OF [REDACTED] I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY WERE, IN FACT, AWARE OF THE DISCONTINUITY AND THE REASONS FOR IT. I HOPE THAT THEY WILL NOT TRY TO BLAME YOU. AGAIN, IF I CAN PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

AT THE END OF THE TELECON [REDACTED] ASSURED STATINTL ME THAT THEY WOULD KEEP ME POSTED ON THEIR PROGRESS IN SECURING THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HOWEVER, I WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR WATCHING THIS AND KEEPING ME POSTED. I HAVE MUCH GREATER CONFIDENCE IN GETTING INFORMATION FROM YOU.

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BERNARD HAS RETURNED AND WE WILL SPEND MOST OF THE DAY LINING OUT OUR PORTION OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE MAY CONFERENCE. TOM [REDACTED] WILL BE BACK IN HIS OFFICE ON MONDAY AT WHICH TIME WE WILL SCHEDULE OUT A FINAL PROGRAM.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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